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INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT INFORM.

A railroad report of its earnings and expenses is about as hard for the uninitiated to understand as the time cards in a railroad folder. Both are apparently made with the purpose of conveying as little information as possible, or none, and both are a success in that line. The Northern Pacific has just filed with the Oregon Public Utility Commission its report for the year ending June 30, 1915.

It states that its gross earnings, or as it states it, "its operating revenues for the year, totaled \$63,171,652, while expenses for railroad operations were \$37,108,048. The net revenue from railroad operations was \$26,063,603. This sounds all right, and a small sum in subtraction shows the latter amount barring a one dollar error, is the sum left after paying operating expenses. Then the report goes on to say that the gross income is \$32,027,673 and the net income \$18,819,040. The difference between gross revenue (the amount received) and gross income (also the amount received) and the further difference between net revenue (the amount over and above expenses) and net income (also the amount over the above expenses) is too fine a distinction for the average man to understand. As experts in nomenclature the railroads are certainly in a class by themselves. No doubt it is all clear to those who made the report out, and perhaps intelligible to the Public Utility Commissioners, since they are experts along those lines, but this report and all other railroad literature is no more understandable by the general public than the hieroglyphics or cuneiform tablets of our remote ancestors.

Their distinction between revenues and income would please the precise Hudibras. The poet says of him:

"He could distinguish and divide
A hair twixt south and southwest side."

They also bear out the assertion of some wise Frenchman who said: "Language was made to conceal thought."

A New York dispatch says that 66 out of the 1500 amateur poets in the United States who had been induced to enter a song poem contest and have their poems set to music at \$10 per, will be called to testify in the prosecution of John T. Newcombe who through the mails managed the contest and gathered in the swag. Newcombe must have used a new and fine-toothed comb to find that many amateur poets who had a loose ten dollar bill. The Portland Press Club that inaugurated the Loganberry song contest, is waiting with blanched cheeks and bated breath the result of the trial.

The Oregonian comments on the rumor that Germany might buy peace with Russia, by giving her Constantinople. This, as it says, would be a master stroke of diplomacy. All this listens well, but the trouble with the plan is that the Germans have not the price—Constantinople. His royal highness the Turk would undoubtedly object at least as strenuously to giving his capital city to his time immemorial enemy, as he would to making a present of it direct to all the allies.

Miss Dorothy Newall, an actress, gave herself some fine advertising in the big suffrage parade in New York by appearing in a dress that exposed her back to the waist line, and having painted on the bare space in letters as large as it would hold, the words "Votes for women." It demonstrated for one thing that she was certainly a pretty tough man's equal in immodesty.

Why, in this land of liberty, freedom and equal rights, is a fox terrier's tail always cut off, while practically all other breeds or brands of dogs do not have their tails curtailed? Suppose the discussion of the county agriculturist matter be given a rest until this more important or at least more interesting question is answered.

How annoyed Albany and Eugene must feel, after putting the lid on Sunday and nailing it down, to learn that the law they were supposedly obeying did not exist.

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The Germans are not to be outdone in any line by the English. A few days ago in London the Globe was seized and the issue going to press destroyed. Germany went this considerably better Monday, and suppressed the Voerparts, a socialist paper in Berlin.

Mr. Bryan's split with the president, if it can be called that, puts him in much the same position as to the democratic party, as Mr. Roosevelt occupies in relation to the republicans. Is it possible the great Commoner intends starting a cow moose party?

Just when the agitation against cigarettes, the initial move against smoking generally, is getting under way, those volcanoes up in Alaska resume the habit.

Bryan has at last done something that pleases the republicans, even the staid and somewhat rabid Oregonian giving him an encouraging smile.

Lord Kitchener has gone to the Balkans from which it may be inferred that his promise that "the war will begin next May" will be fulfilled.



PAYING RENT

For seven years, in discontent, I leased a humble cot; it kept me busy paying rent—it also kept me hot. Each month for seven weary years, I coughed up twenty bones; I handed out the coin with tears, and deep, heart-rending groans. The landlord lived in princely state, and when I went to him, and said, "Old scout, the garden gate is badly out of trim; the doggone roof lets in the rain, and floods our measly hut, each window has a broken pane, the doors will not stay shut," he answered me, "The times are bad, and growing worse, I trow; I simply cannot spare a scad to fix that cabin now." At last I bought a lowly shack, that measured two by four, with rainpipes running up the back, a latchstring to each door. Now if the roof is sagging down, or holes are in the stairs, I chase no landlord through the town, beseeching for repairs. I take my jimmy and my ax, my shotgun and my spade, and plug the holes and fix the cracks, without a landlord's aid. And there's a pleasure simply great, a sacred sort of glee, in working round your own estate, however small it be.



OPEN FORUM

PUNISHMENT OF CRIME.
Woodburn, Or., Nov. 9, 1915.
Editor Capital Journal: In reading your piece in Saturday's Journal in regard to the two boys that were hanged in California a few days ago, I cannot help but ask the question: How do the friends of the men that were hanged by men and boys would it take to remunerate for the ones that they willfully destroyed? How many paroled criminals in the penitentiary will it take to pay for Harry Minto, or how many would it take to remunerate the community of Woodburn for Harry Henderson, or Clackamas coun-

ty for Mr. Shafer? And these are only from our own immediate neighborhood. Is it not the case more often than otherwise that it takes the life of from one to five or more good men for every one of them, saying nothing about the time and extra expense that it puts the country to. How many did Tracy slaughter in his short career? I am nothing but a plain tradesman and an American citizen but it does seem to me that the laws of the country and the sentences of the courts should be given more respect or the expense of their keeping disposed with. But the question of what is the other man's life worth or what can the murderer give for the life he has destroyed?
READER.

ANOTHER VIEW OF MR. CHAPIN'S WORK

If this is the greatest agricultural valley in the world, as Mr. Peterson states, why do we need a book expert to tell us how to farm the land that we have farmed for years, without his help, and far more successfully in the majority of cases, than we have since taking his advice?
What we need is more sociability between farmer and merchant.
The money paid out for a county agriculturist's salary could be used to much better advantage for the farmers, if expended to maintain a clearing house produce building which would handle the farmers' products in such a way as to be more profitable to the farmer as well as the consumer.
If this \$24 is to be used to benefit the farmers, why not use it for the benefit of all, instead of for a favored few in the northern part of the county. I believe it would be only fair to allow the farmers to vote on this question before using their money for something they don't want.
P. E. WAID.

IS PREPAREDNESS RIGHT?

Editor Journal: That we as a people are confronted with a vital question of far-reaching consequences, no person will deny. That there are sinister influences at work, may also be admitted. This is not a time to dogmatize, but to arouse, not fear, but serious thought and concern. "Vigilance is (still) the price of Liberty."
True patriotism is not founded upon hate of enemy, but upon the promotion of the best interests of life, of humanity, of all mankind. True Christian patriotism must be as inclusive as its gospel is extensive. Christianity is a world gospel, not a national or local affair. It has a world mission and a world purpose which is the highest hopes of humanity reflected in the divine sanctities of life itself.
Life! Life! Life! is its great purpose. The fuller, higher life of the spirit! Can life be promoted by war by destruction, by devastation, by pestilence, by death? Has war ever conserved or preserved these life-sanctities, founded upon love? or, has war ever blasted the richest hopes and promises of life through passions of hate and fear?
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How To Prevent Acid Stomachs And Food Fermentation

By a New York Physician.
"My experience has forced me to the conclusion that most people who complain of stomach trouble possess stomachs that are absolutely healthy and normal. The real trouble, that which causes all the pain and difficulty, is excessive acid in the stomach, aggravated by food fermentation. Hyperacidity irritates the delicate lining of the stomach, causing that full bloated feeling. Thus both acid and fermentation interfere with and retard the process of digestion. The stomach wall is usually healthy and normal, but irritated almost past endurance by these foreign elements—acid and wind. In all cases—and they comprise a great majority of all stomach difficulties—the first and only step necessary is to neutralize the acid and stop the fermentation by taking in a little warm or cold water immediately after eating, from one to two teaspoonfuls of bisulphated magnesium, which is the most effective antacid and food corrective I have ever found. The excess acid will be neutralized and the fermentation stopped almost instantly, and your stomach will at once proceed to digest the food in a healthy normal manner. Be sure to ask your druggist for bisulphated magnesium rather than magnesium in any other form."

MAY CONSOLIDATE MINES.

Baker, Or., Nov. 9.—Plans are said to be on foot today to consolidate the Columbia, the E. and E. the North Pole and Golconda mines and possibly the Tabor fraction mine. The Belmont-Tonopah Mining company, it is reported, is undertaking the consolidation, which may involve nearly \$2,000,000.

ing life fulfill the promise and purpose thereof? We call ourselves Christians. Do we really grasp the deeper and fuller meaning of the mission, spirit and purpose of its great founder? His great gospel fulfills itself—not in world war—but in world peace, founded upon world brotherhood. His way is the way of the joys of life! Not of the horrors of death!

What is our position, purpose and mission as a world nation? Are we a democracy in spirit and in truth, in method, intent, and heart? Are we really sincere in our peace professions and world service, or are we only pretending and professing democracy with our lips, merely masquerading its lofty ideals, while our hearts are stained and perverted with monarchial lusts?

Could it be that our Christianity is only skin deep, that in our hearts we are still worshipping the Golden calf? As a nation in its heart thinketh, so it is. These secret thoughts and longings of the heart become seeds, dropped not only into the hearts of our own people, but dropped into the soil of our neighbors, yea, into the world-soil itself. Life consists in "Sowing and Reaping." Every seed will bring forth in due time, after its own kind.

There are only two natural reasons or causes underlying armament, i. e., fear of defeat, or, lust of conquest. Fear begets distrust, suspicion, strife. Lust begets envy, jealousy, war.

There will naturally be difference of opinion, due to differing viewpoints, and all of these may be equally sincere and honest, and yet, viewing the question from whatever angle of cause or necessity, I can find but two reasons, fear of defeat, or, lust of conquest.

Our president assures us there is no cause for alarm from either of these reasons, and yet, he favors increase of armament.

If natural causes for this step do not exist, then of what nature can these causes be? Are they conjured up, artificially manufactured? If so, by whom? Who, or what interests are crying out—wolf, wolf. Who, and what interests are arousing distrust, suspicion and fear in the hearts of the unsophisticated masses? Who, and what interests are seeking to influence public sentiment through press, platform, organized propaganda, army and navy longships?

Who would benefit from increased armament or war? The working class, the farmers, the merchants, the educators, the fathers and mothers, the homes, schools, churches? Could these be benefited or blessed, now, or in the future, by the sowing of poisonous seed?

Surely the men who go to the front, who die in ditches, who return home maimed for life don't benefit by war. Surely not the people who have to pay the bills of organizing and maintaining the armies before and during war and pay war indemnities at its close. Surely not the people, who have to mortgage the future of unborn generations by taxation, in which these have neither voice or responsibility. Taxation without voice or responsibility is the worst kind of tyranny.

War, that carries with it destruction of human life is savagery, barbarism. It is "Anti-Christ."

Christianity is a preserver, conservator and sanctifier of all that is best and sacred in life. Its great gospel breathes the spirit of good will and peace throughout the world. Its keynote is love, with Liberty and Deliverance its great goal.

These are the ideals of true democracy, which is the hope of a suffering, bloodstained world.
For these lofty ideals of Christian World Democracy let us unite for peace, guarding against future war by not sowing poisonous seed of destruction which comes in the guise of patriotism and increased armament.
ROBERT F. TISCHER.

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Fire On Rochambeau Has Been Extinguished
New York, Nov. 9.—Flames aboard the French liner Rochambeau had been quenched today and she was plowing her way toward Bordeaux, instead of facing the need of racing for Halifax.
Captain Juham wireless the line officers at 6 o'clock this morning: "Succeeded extinguishing fire. Proceeding to Bordeaux. All well aboard."
This was the first word since yesterday afternoon when the wireless snapped out its message of a mysterious fire aboard in the vessel's reserve bunkers. While at that time the company's quotation of messages from Juham charged "spontaneous combustion" as responsible later publication failed to quote these words.
This left the mystery of the fire deeper and convinced marine men the vessel was marked by anti-air agents for destruction on her trip from New York to Bordeaux with her cargo of munitions for the allies. A full report of the situation probably will not be forthcoming until the vessel reaches Bordeaux or possibly some port of call enroute.

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CHANGES IN SCHEDULE—NORTHBOUND.
Portland Local No. 6, leave Salem 7:15 a. m. instead of 6:30, arrive Portland 9:10 instead of 8:30.
Portland Local No. 14, leave Salem 1:45 p. m. instead of 1:50, arrive Portland, Jefferson St., 3:45 instead of 3:50, North Bank Station 4:00 instead of 4:10.
Limited No. 10, will run as at present leaving Salem 4:00 p. m., but will not make local stops Eugene to Salem.

SOUTHBOUND
Limited No. 5, will leave Salem 10:15 a. m. as at present, but will stop only at East Independence, Albany, Corvallis, Harrisburg, Junction City and Eugene.
Corvallis Local No. 7, leave Salem 12:55 p. m. instead of 1:00, arrive Albany 1:50 instead of 2:05, Corvallis 2:20 instead of 2:32.
Local No. 9, leave Portland, North Bank Station 2:05 p. m. instead of 2:10, Jefferson Street 2:25 instead of 2:30, Salem 4:25 instead of 4:35, arrive Albany 5:20 instead of 5:35, Corvallis 5:02, Eugene 6:45 instead of 7:05.
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